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President Suharto visited East Timor on November 1st and 2nd, 1988.Before his visit, about 3,000 Timorese were arrested by Indonesian troops and about 5,000 were blacklisted .

Three Timorese, Lucas da Costa, Lázaro and Filomeno Gomes were accused by the Indonesian military officers of leading a clandestine organization in East Timor.

They were tortured and remain in prison and not allowed to be visited by their relatives or to be assisted by the Red Cross .

Meanwhile three Timorese, Julio, from Uatu-Carbau, Luis da Cruz and Carlos from Lacluta, were executed by the Indonesian soldiers at a military post in Lacluta .

In Viqueque, a coastal town in the Eastern central sector of the territory, seven Timorese were arrested by the Indonesian district command (KODIM1630) of Viqueque, in November,1988:Domingos Mesquita,Alarico, Cândido da Cruz, Gregório Amaral,Gaspar Fernandes,Manuel Gaspar and Mateus Doutel Sarmento .The latter, was tortured by Indonesian secret agents in front of the public in Viqueque.The others' whereabouts, is unknown.

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MORE ROADS TO BETTER MOVE

A new road was built in the Eastern part of the territory, in order to facilitate the movements of Indonesian troops in that region.This road links Los Palos and Iliomar.It was built and asphalted by Indonesian military Engineering corps "ZIPUR", because the Iliomar village is militarily isolated from other military bases.The new road is used for supply the troops with food and militaryequipment as well as to strengthen their military positions against guerrillas attacks or to transport troops to carry out military operations against FRETILIN guerrillas and to better control the strategic hamlets built along the road.The road is mostly used by Indonesian military vehicles;the only civil vehicle that used to ride on this road belongs to the head of the sub-district.

Another bridge was built on the road that links Baucau-Lautem,the Waimui bridge.This bridge is vital for Indonesian troop movement during the rainy season.It was inaugurated in November,1988 by president Suharto.

TWENTY SEVEN fundamentalists were shot to death on February 7, by the Indonesian soldiers, in Lampung, Sumatera, according to the figures given by the government.Unofficial figures are more than 100 killed during the clashes between the government forces and the fundamentalists.

The fundamentalists were armed with Molotov, spears, arrows and two revolvers Colt.

Interviewed by the ECONOMIST reporter, general Try Sutrisno said,:"The pattern of using religious motives to create disturbances is not new to us".

The fundamentalists occupied Jakarta streets in 1984, retaken again by the government forces,killing 30 Muslims, according to official figures.Du-

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ring the same year a pro-Iranian group hijacked the Indonesian aircraft "Garuda" and in 1985 the Muslims exploded the Hindu temple of Borobudur.

One of the four timorese studeñts retained in Jakarta by the Indonesian authorities, fled from Jakarta on January 31 and arrived in Lisbon on February 14, where he was received by his lawyer, Mr.Loff Barreto and interviwed by reporters.
He promised, to try by all means, to free his three colleagues who are still in Indonesia. He said that the Indonesians are waiting that the problem is forgotten to eliminate them .

The US ambassador to Portugal, Mr.Rowell told "Diário de Notícias" that the USA will deepen the East Timor dossier. He said that every year they have to delliver to the Congress a report about human rights on each country in the world which is included East Timor .

FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIA DE TIMOR-LESTE INDEPENDENTE

(REVOLUTIONARY FRONT FOR AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR)

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PRESS RELEASE

A delegation of the Nationalist Convergence - FRETILIN and U.D.T. - is to be received by the Portuguese foreign minister, Mr. João de Deus Pinheiro, in his office on February 8 .

A plan of action for 1989, is to be presented by the leaders of the two nationalist movment to the Portuguese government, as well as a briefing of the current situation of the Maubere's people's resistance, both the internal and the international diplomatic front .

The delegation is consisted of Abilio Araujo, Ramos Horta (FRETILIN) and Moises do Amaral (U.D.T.).

The FRETILIN information office, considers it to be a very important meeting, a new phase of cooperation between the Portuguese government and the Nationalist Convergence in the struggle for the restoration of the international legality in East Timor .

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